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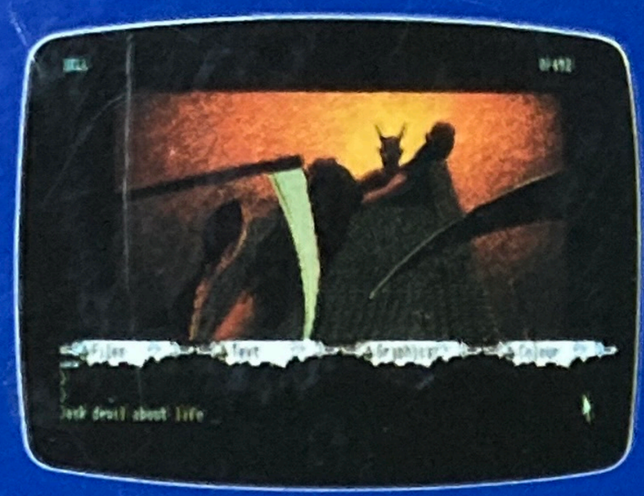

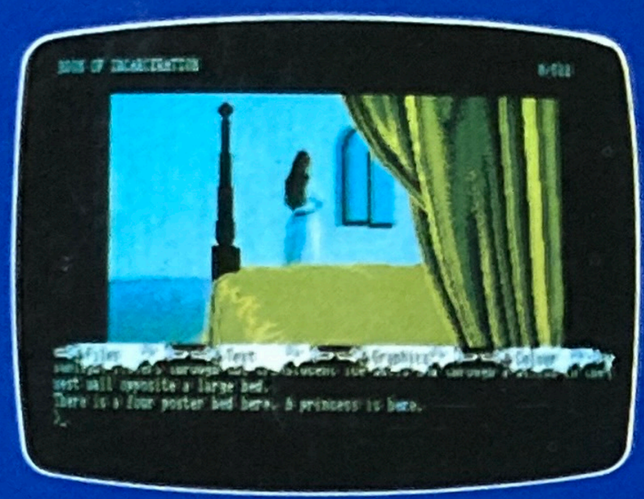

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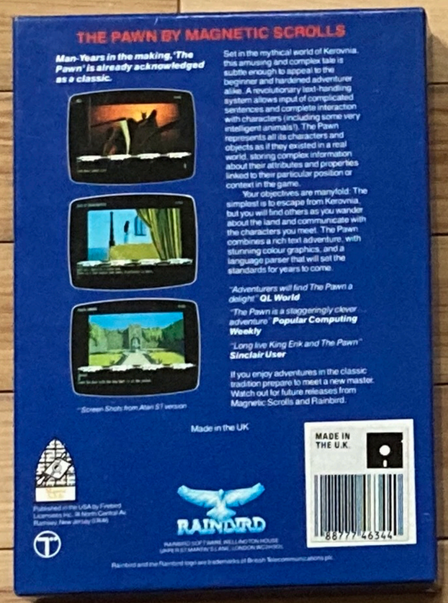

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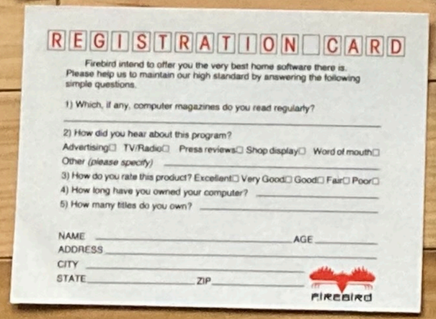

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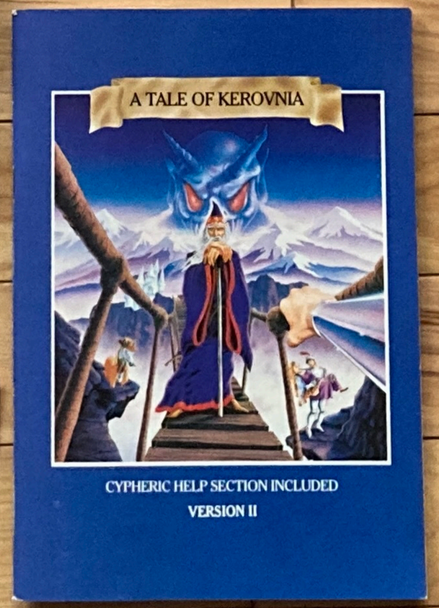

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CHAPTER SIX

For Gringo and many of the Dwarfs, it seemed an eternity until election day. Their time had been fully occupied with many and varied tasks, pinning posters of Gringo to the trees around the forest perimeter, addressing rallies of eager Dwarfs, and preparing political speeches. Not to mention the day-to-day running of the emerald mines and the tourist industry.

Erik's spies had promised a reward of two golden coins to every Dwarf, Gnome or Little Person who voted for the Royalist party; for the King felt that if a commoner was elected to the empty seat in the forthcoming by-election, it would signal the beginning of the end of his tenuous grip on his empire.

Malcolm, in Aquitania, was beginning to enjoy the outdoor life. He led his boy scout troop with pride, and was secretly planning a trip to Kerovnia to sweep Lacey off her feet and marry her in total secrecy, surrounded by his eagle scouts - disappearing with Lacey and the entire troop as company to some forlorn country retreat, where there would be plenty of rock climbing and hiking to indulge in.

Kronos, on the other hand, was plunged into a deep despair. Although he had nothing but contempt for King Erik, the last thing in the world he wanted was to see the dreadful Gringo elected to office. He had planned to prepare a magic potion which he would introduce into Kerovnia's water

supply, which would sway the populus towards the Royalist party. But due to lack of time and because he was without the vital assistance of Zita (who was busily employed in looking after the prostrate Lacey) he was unable to prepare the magic potion in time. He stayed locked in his room, sulking away the few days that remained before the election.

At last the great day dawned - and Gringo won the seat by a stupendous majority. As the Dwarf journalists proudly read the notices on television that night, Gringo was carried, shoulder high, to the local tavern, where his supporters drank whisky (The finest, distilled by the Roobikyoub Dwarfs) and Sparkling Spring Water (The most pure from the Obakanga valley) all night long. When the results came through, Erik hurled his crown on the floor, and jumped up and down on it! A fit of bad temper, which he instantly regretted, as it was full of spiky diamonds and very knobbly rubies!

Kronos, on the other hand, once he was presented with the fait accompli of Gringo's election, wasted no time on idle fury, but began sketching out future plans for tricking the Dwarf leader into collaboration with the evil sorcerer.

After the hectic events of the last few days, Gringo fell into a deep slumber. He dreamt, amongst other things, that he was making his maiden speech in Parliament - and suddenly awoke to discover that he was!

The long Kerovnian summer months drifted slowly to an end, marked by an Indian summer of brilliant sunshine and cloudless blue sky. The wheat and barley harvest were completed well on time, because the Little People, overjoyed by Gringo's success, worked harder than they had ever done before. The Dwarfs, too, went happily about their labours, singing and whistling political airs, in polite mockery of the King and noblemen. The only person who seemed dissatisfied was Gringo himself, for, although he had the attention of certain radical Royalists, no political or social

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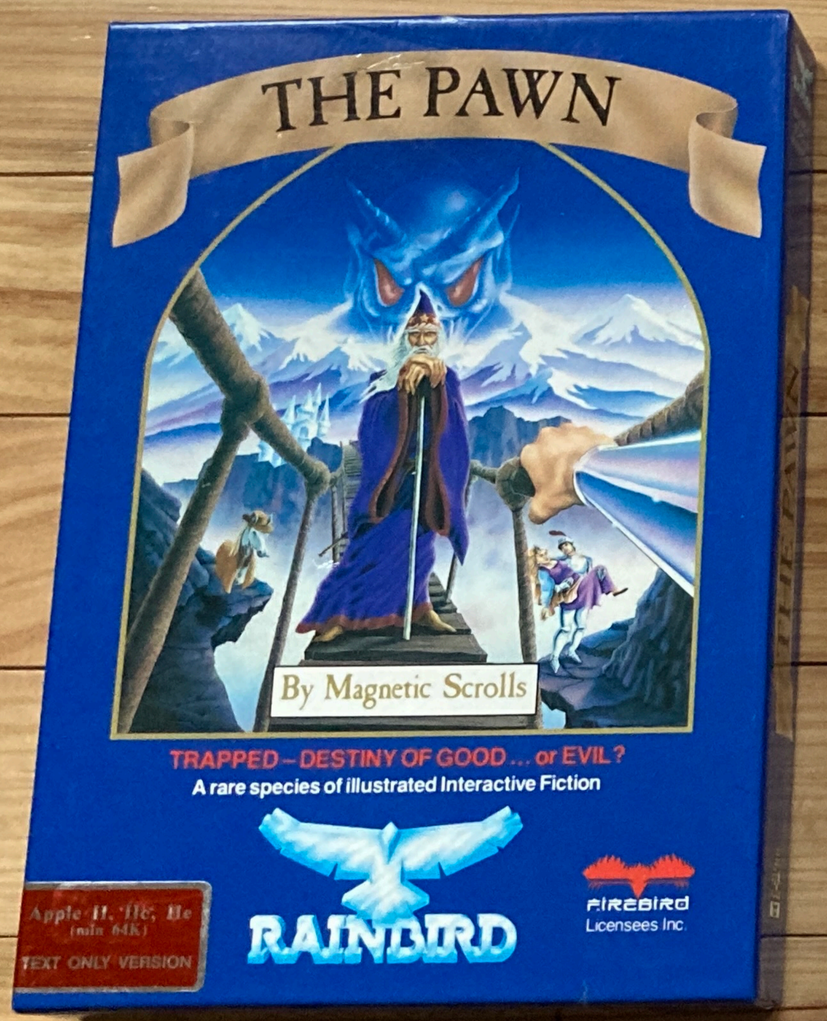

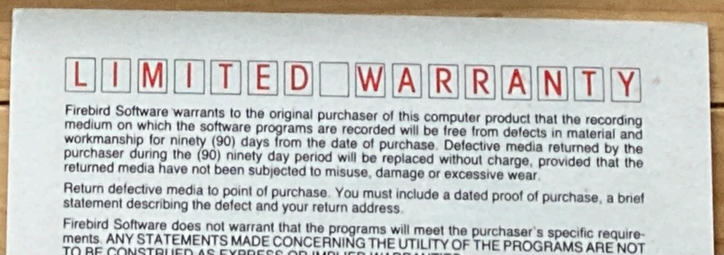

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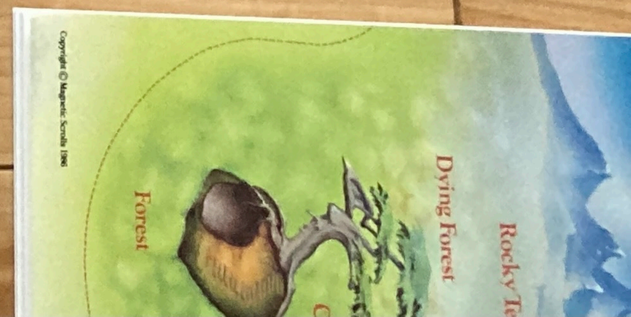

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